

over 177,000 veterans in West Virginia, nearly 53,000 in the Third District alone, and over 23 million in the United States, it is important that Veterans benefits and care be maintained here at home.

Pearl Harbor Day should be one of continued remembrance, with each remembrance serving as a renewed message of support for our military personnel at home and abroad.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 7, 2010*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, today I missed rollcall vote No. 583 on H. Res. 1736. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

#### RECOGNIZING JOHN ORE, RETIRING MARICOPA COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

### HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 7, 2010*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John Ore and his lifetime of service to the citizens of Tempe, Arizona. I wish to thank him for his dedication to public service, a remarkable record of success and accomplishment, and many years of friendship.

Judge Ore's law enforcement career began on May 28, 1969, when he joined the U.S. Army and attended military police training. After the army, John joined the Tempe Police Department and within three years, received a number of awards for his work, including the Tempe Police Meritorious Service Award and the Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer Award. John quickly rose through the ranks at the Tempe Police Department and was promoted to Commander in July of 1988. After a distinguished 22 year career in the police force, John was elected to serve as Tempe Justice of the Peace.

Judge Ore's strong commitment to volunteerism, service, and civic engagement is not only incredibly honorable, but also unmatched. For example, John has served on the Board of Directors for Friends of the Orphans, and spearheaded an effort to send relief supplies to the war zone in Bosnia on behalf of Tempe South Rotary Club and Project Lifeline. He was awarded the Hon Kachina Award as one of Arizona's 12 outstanding vol-

unteers in 1998 and also received Rotary International's Service Above Self Award that same year. To this day, John remains active in the community and is involved with service activities through the Tempe South Rotary Club.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing John Ore for 40 years of outstanding service to my home town of Tempe, Arizona.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF GEORGE DOBREA

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 7, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I am saddened to learn of the passing of George Dobrea last Saturday. Please join me in remembering George Dobrea, a businessman, soldier, statesman, activist, constituent, and friend who did much to make Cleveland and the world a better place.

George was born 84 years ago in Gary, Indiana, to a family of Romanian ethnic background, a heritage he embraced throughout the many facets of his life. He was active in his church, St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland, where his priest, Rev. Remus Grama, referred to him as a "priest without a collar." According to Rev. Grama, "He helped so many immigrants. He never said no." He served on the board of St. Mary, founded the Romanian Ethnic Art Museum alongside the church, and helped stock it with thousands of art objects.

George served in the Army in World War II in the Philippines. He volunteered to be a spotter in a Piper Cub, radioing the positions of the enemy while dodging bullets flying toward the plane. His radio transmissions, which may have saved thousands of American and allied lives, earned him two Bronze Stars.

Like his father before him, George worked in the steel mills of Gary. At the University of Detroit, he boxed and ran track while earning a bachelor's degree. He went on to study business at the Wharton School of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania before settling in Cleveland, becoming a stock broker and marrying the former Jean Barson.

His work in stocks launched many other business interests, including scrap steel, greeting cards, greenhouses, toboggan chutes, and racehorses. George Dobrea did a weekly spot on The Mike Douglas Show, a popular local TV program, explaining finances and investing to the public.

George was enthusiastic about international trade and served as a lobbyist for the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, the regional

chamber of commerce. He saw bilateral trade as a stabilizing influence, toward promoting peace and democracy abroad while promoting business at home. He was especially influential in promoting trade with Romania, Russia and Hungary. He helped Americans adopt orphans from Romania and lobbied President Clinton to admit former Iron Curtain countries to NATO. He served as Romanian Honorary Consul for the Cleveland area while advocating for a fair and independent judiciary in that country after the fall of the Soviet Union. He also served as the president of the Union & League of Romanian Societies, headquartered in Cleveland and the largest Romanian mutual benefit society in the United States and Canada.

George Dobrea was active in politics. He was an early supporter of John F. Kennedy in the 1960 presidential election and helped garner support for Kennedy among European ethnic voters in Ohio. He also supported Kennedy's opponent 12 years later as the chairman for the Ohio Democrats for Nixon. He reportedly turned down administration jobs with President Nixon and Ohio Governor John Gilligan. George served for many years as an elected member of the Cleveland school board, 3 years as its president.

Madam Speaker and respected colleagues, please join me in offering condolences to Jean, their 4 children Peter, George, Paul, and Mary Grindahl, their 3 grandchildren, and their many friends in Cleveland, Romania, and around the world.

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONOCLE RESTAURANT

### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 7, 2010*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, last week, Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle gathered together to celebrate a special milestone: the 50th anniversary of The Monocle restaurant, located at 107 D Street Northeast. Since 1960, The Monocle has been a Capitol Hill institution—a place where generations of legislators, staff members, and visitors have come together to share stories and good food. As they mark a half-century of success, I offer my congratulations to Connie Valanos, who founded The Monocle and has passed it down as a legacy to his family; John Valanos and his wife Vasiliki, who own and operate The Monocle today; and maître d' Nick Selimos, who has worked there for more than 30 years. May The Monocle enjoy another 50 years as a Washington landmark.